

Town of Eagle
Eagle
~~Yukon-Koyukuk Division~~
Alaska

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE ALASKA	COUNTY YUKON-KOYUKUK DIVISION	TOWN OR VICINITY EAGLE
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Town of Eagle (NHL)		HABS NO. AK-7
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Belle Isle; Eagle City		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) UTMs: (NHL) 07.488600.7185325; 07.491625.7185325 South bank of the Yukon River, on the sixty-four 07.4903757183825 mile Taylor Highway, approximately five air miles from the Alaska-Yukon border.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1882 (Grauman, <u>Eagle</u>)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Once the judicial and transportation hub for interior Alaska, adjacent to Ft. Egbert, the military and communications center, Eagle began as a fur trading post (Belle Isle) rose to international fame when Roald Amundsen wired his successful voyage through the Northwest Passage and as part of the Cold Rush, declined in prominence but remains in existence.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Eagle is located along the shores of the Yukon River at the junction of Mission Creek amidst stands of aspen and birch, dominated by Eagle Bluff. Snow cover lasts at least seven months a year while sunlight wanes to less than three hours. Temperatures range from seventy degrees below zero to more than ninety degrees above. Berries of all kinds, roses and muskeg form the undergrowth.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Founded as trading post, Belle Isle, 1882; gold on American Creek, Eagle became a small mining camp, 1894; site of Ft. Egbert, 1899; becomes Eagle City by Presidential incorporation, 1901; District court, 1900-04; Fort closed, 1911, Signal Corps gone 1925. Population about 3,000 at peak, about 10 in 1940.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Eagle is now a small village at the terminus of the Taylor Highway. Buildings are in private and public ownership.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Within the Eagle Historic District National Historic Landmark;		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) NHL; National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings; Alaska Heritage Resource Survey (AHRIS); see Bibliography on separate pages.		
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